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CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND CALENDAR ANNOUNCED

The Honolulu City Council began its 2021 committee calendar on Tuesday. Council Chair Tommy Waters recently released the committee assignments and the 2021 calendar for the City Council. Both documents are provided in this press release (see below).

- Veteran legislator and newly-elected Councilmember Calvin Say will be chairing the Budget Committee alongside Committee Vice-Chair Councilmember Cordero.
- Councilmember Brandon Elefante will chair the Committee on Zoning and Planning with Council Vice-Chair Esther Kiaʻāina serving as Committee Vice-Chair. Vice-Chair Kiaʻāina will also head the Committee on Housing and the Economy with Councilmember Say serving as vice-chair.
- Floor Leader Andria Tupola will chair the Executive Matters and Legal Affairs Committee and Councilmember Carol Fukunaga will serve as vice-chair. Councilmember Fukunaga will remain as the Chair of the Committee on Public Infrastructure and Technology with Councilmember Tupola as vice-chair.
- Councilmember Heidi Tsuneyoshi will chair the Committee on Public Safety, which will be vice-chaired by new Councilmember Augie Tulba. Councilmember Tulba will chair the Committee on Parks and Community Service, which will be vice-chaired by Councilmember Tsuneyoshi.
- Chair Waters will head the Committee on Executive Management with Vice-Chair Kia'āina.

All Council public proceedings will be broadcast and televised live online and on 'Ōlelo, Channel 54. Chair Waters will continue with the previously instituted measures for remote testimony, stating, "the engagement with the public through committee and council meetings is extremely valuable for the members. We have seen a great response, and I hope more members of the public will continue to participate." Although public in-person testimony will not be allowed, members of the public may submit written testimony, remote oral testimony, or video testimony.

The agendas for all public Council proceedings will continue to be posted on the City Council web sites: http://www.honolulu.gov/council.

Safety concerns were heightened last week due to the sudden spike in the number of positive COVID-19 cases throughout O'ahu and a confirmed case within Honolulu Hale which was brought to the attention of Chair Waters on January 7, 2021. Out of an abundance of caution, Chair Waters

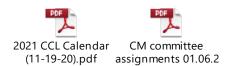


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worked with Premier Medical Group Hawaii to quickly establish COVID-19 testing at Honolulu Hale on Friday, January 8, 2021. Approximately 120 COVID-19 tests were administered, and all results were negative.

The Council remains committed to the health and safety of all city personnel as well as the public and will keep existing precautions in place to safeguard all concerned.

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